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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-51. (canceled)

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~~52.~~ (previously presented) A structure for an electrified fence, said structure comprising a sleeve that receives and substantially surrounds the entire exposed surface of a post which extends vertically from the underlying surface at the site of the electrified fence, the interior of said sleeve comprising three internal projections for frictionally and forcibly receiving the post, each projection being equidistant from the other two projections, said sleeve further including an exterior web which is disposed parallel to the post with said sleeve installed over said post, said web having an opening for receiving an electrified wire of the fence, said sleeve being composed of dielectric material at least where said sleeve receives the electrified wire; and

a cap separate from said sleeve and covering the top of the post with said sleeve is installed over the post.

53. (canceled)

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54. (new) The structure of claim ¹~~52~~, wherein said opening comprises a plurality of longitudinally spaced slots formed in the web for supporting electrified wires of the electric fence.

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~~55.~~ (new) The structure of claim ²~~54~~, wherein each of said slots extends from an open mouth in an outer face of the web through which the respective wire is received, to a closed end for

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abutting the wire in use, the closed end being positioned below the mouth of the slot when the sleeve is upright.

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56. (new) The structure of claim ³~~58~~, wherein the slots are substantially parallel and curved.

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~~57~~. (new) The structure of claim ¹~~52~~, wherein the three internal projections are elongate and substantially coextensive with the sleeve.

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~~58~~. (new) The structure of claim ¹~~52~~, wherein the sleeve is substantially cylindrical.

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